

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

March 14, 2012

Present:

Linda Noble Domenic Ricci Mike Babbitt Carl Brunetti

Claudette Lussier William DiBiasio Richard Foster Paul

DiDomenico

Maria Marcello Bob Turner Hagop Jawharjian

There were no members absent.

Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:31 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The Minutes of March 8th were distributed for review.

William DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, to approve the minutes.

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The minutes of March 10th, the School Tour, were distributed for review.

William DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to approve the minutes.

The Budget Board discussed which bond the funding for carpeting at

the North Wing came from, and would like clarification.

The Budget Board also discussed the ventilation system at the High School Auditorium.

It was noted that a copy of the asbestos abatement report still has not been received by the Budget Board.

In discussion with the Superintendent, the High School will be looking at discontinuing use of the modular classrooms and the lower level of the old middle school, but they do plan to continue to use the upper North Wing.

The Budget Board wanted to know if in the boiler room, the problem of asbestos falling down had been fixed.

At Northern Elementary, the Budget Board discussed the parking lot and whether it really needs to be redone.

The Budget Board questioned who had done the parking lot work that seemed to be poor workmanship at Lonsdale, and will ask for more information.

The Budget Board discussed that some classrooms have tile and some have carpets.

Discussion ensued about the library at Lonsdale and looking at what would be done there with the new technology plan.

Also discussed was the technology plan as a whole and what equipment should be purchased and used with the new plan.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0 with Claudette Lussier, William DiBiasio, Hagop Jawharjian and Richard Foster abstaining as they were not present on March 10th.

Correspondence

There was correspondence from the Town Administrator regarding Barney Pond Dam and all funds that had been spent on the project. The correspondence is similar to information received last year, so it seems nothing new has been done with it, but the Budget Board will ask for more information when they meet with the Town Administrator.

There was correspondence from the Town Administrator regarding Full-Time Pre-K, and it seems he is not in favor of the integration of full-time Pre-K into the system.

There was correspondence from the Town Administrator regarding the school surplus and the Town Solicitor's opinion.

The Budget Board is still seeking copies of the actual laws in regards to this for informational purposes.

The Budget Board discussed control over use of surplus funds and authority to spend.

It was noted that the Town Council has also approved projects using surplus funds without going to the Financial Town Meeting.

The Town Solicitor's opinion differs from the Budget Board's regarding this.

The Budget Board will request in writing once again information and copies of the laws that support his opinion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment or questions at the time.

Town Administrator's Proposed Budget

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, to dispense of the discussion of the Town Administrator's Proposed Budget because the Town Administrator and Finance Director were not available to attend the meeting.

Proposed School Capital and/or School Technology Plan

The Budget Board looked at each school's requested capital projects to come up with recommendations.

High School

-Abatement and replacement of the floor in the connector with carpet

The Budget Board discussed recommending replacement with tile instead of carpet.

-New roof in the modular classrooms

The Budget Board is not recommending any improvements to the modular classrooms as they are recommending the discontinuation of use of that area of the school.

-Lav Upgrades in the North Wing

Based upon the condition of the lavs currently and the fact that the Budget Board is recommending discontinuation of use of the North Wing they discussed not funding the lav upgrades.

-Walls and Lockers, Painting

Based upon the condition of the walls and lockers currently, the Budget Board discussed not funding the painting project.

-Drop Ceilings in Connector Hallway

Based upon the condition of the ceilings currently and the fact that the upgrades seem to be more to make the area look uniform than out of necessity, the Budget Board discussed not funding the ceiling project.

-Replace Auditorium Doors

Based upon the condition of the doors currently included the handles and locks, the Budget Board discussed that they would recommend funding of the auditorium door project.

-Additional Exterior Security Cameras

Based upon the fact that there are existing cameras for security purposes, the Budget Board discussed not funding the security camera project.

-Repaving Upper Tennis Courts

The Budget Board will discuss with the Town Administrator about the possibility of the Town paying for part of the project since they are public courts, and also whether the project could wait until the moratorium on state reimbursement was lifted.

-Repave Rear Parking Lot – no not priority

Based upon the condition of the parking lot currently and the fact that the project is considered a low priority, the Budget Board discussed not funding the rear parking lot project.

-Auditorium Air Conditioning – no

The Budget Board discussed not funding the air conditioning project until a proper study is completed and a plan is submitted for the project.

-Ferguson Field Upgrades

Based on the current condition of the field, the Budget Board discussed not funding the Ferguson Field project.

-Refurbish Entry Canopies

Based upon the current condition of the canopies, the Budget Board discussed not funding the canopy project.

-Fencing

It was noted that \$2,100 of the fencing costs presented in the High School Budget was actually for Central Elementary because the cost was combined.

Northern Elementary

-Stone Wall/ Parent Drop-off Area

Based upon their recommendation to level the area rather than replace it, the Budget Board discussed not funding the project until a plan and/or bids were submitted for taking the area out.

-Repave Upper Entry Area and Remove Island

The Budget Board discussed that they would recommend funding of the repaving and removal of the island project.

-Repave Upper Parking Lot

Based upon the condition of the parking lot, the Budget Board discussed not funding the parking lot project but did discuss replacing some of the granite curbing, and they will request a plan and bids to do that.

Middle School

-Security Cameras - no

Based upon the fact that there are currently security cameras on the premises, the Budget Board discussed not funding the security camera project.

Central Elementary

-Increase Parent Parking and Repave Front Roadway

This would increase parent drop-off parking by 8 spots.

The Budget Board would like more information about what the project plan will actually entail before deciding on funding.

-Carpet Replacement - no

Based upon the condition of the caprets, which was good except for some staining, the Budget Board discussed not funding the carpeting project.

The Budget Board discussed whether it would be better to hire a company to come in and professionally clean the carpets to get the stains out.

Lonsdale Elementary

-Abate and Replace Library Carpet

Based on the condition of the library carpet, the Budget Board discussed not funding the library carpet project.

There were questions of whether the project would be more difficult to complete or if a special carpet would be required once more media equipment is installed in the room from the new technology project.

-Extend Asphalt Walkway in Front of Building

The Budget Board discussed funding the project because it is a safety issue, but did note that a cost of \$6,700 seemed high for the project, and they requested more bid information for the project.

-Playground Ramp

Based upon the fact that the playground is already ADA compliant and it is not a necessary project, the Budget Board discussed not funding the playground ramp project.

Saylesville Elementary

-Carpeting

Based on the fact that all of the carpets seemed to be in good condition except for some staining, the Budget Board discussed not funding the carpeting project.

The Budget Board asked for a breakdown of all carpeting and tiling projects separately, and discussed whether tile may be a better option in some areas.

-Skylights

The Budget Board is requesting more information as to when the skylights were installed and whether they should still be under warranty.

-Paving in Rear of Building

Based upon the fact that the only access required in that area would be to plow and for emergency services, the Budget Board discussed not funding the rear paving project.

-Replace Window Glides

Based upon the poor condition of the current window glides, the Budget Board discussed that they would recommend funding of the window glide project.

Administration Building

It was noted that the Budget Board has felt that the Administration

building should no longer be used.

-Fire System Upgrades

The Fire Department has noted that the Fire Alarm System upgrades are absolutely necessary this year.

The estimated cost was \$70,000 but it was noted that the final cost would probably be at least 25% lower than that.

The Budget Board would like a copy of 3 accurate written estimates before deciding how to proceed with the project.

-Repair Main and Side Entrance Stairways

The Budget Board discussed whether this was a safety issue that needed to be addressed or whether they would not fund the project based upon the fact that they don't feel the building should be occupied any longer.

The Budget Board voted not to fund the project by a vote of 9-2 vote with Bob Turner and Hagop Jawharjian voting in favor of funding based upon safety concerns.

-Inventory Control Van

The Budget Board discussed the vehicle needs of the Administration, and what purpose the vehicle would serve and which vehicle it would be replacing.

In addition to the cost of the van seeming high, the Budget Board discussed whether a smaller car might be sufficient or whether the Facilities Manager's truck could also be used and replaced with a

smaller vehicle.

-Administration Complete Window Replacement

Based upon the fact that the Budget Board does not feel the Administration Building should be occupied any longer, they discussed not funding the window replacement project.

-Carpet and painting Hallways/Stairwells

Based upon the fact that the Budget Board does not feel the Administration Building should be occupied any longer, they discussed not funding the carpet and painting project.

Also, for painting in general it was questioned whether in-house staff could do a lot of the work.

The Budget Board noted that currently the Administration Building seems to not be handicapped accessible.

The Technology Plan will be discussed after the Superintendent meets with the Budget Board again on March 28th because there was a lot of information requested regarding which rooms the project would include and how the project would be implemented into the curriculum.

The Budget Board also wanted to know what technological equipment exists now and whether teachers are using it as part of their lessons how they are using it.

Public Comment

There was no public comment or questions at the time.

Adjourn

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.